

# The Anchorage Amateur Radio Club News Bulletin

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## General Meeting

May 2, 1997

7 pm

**Mr. Bob Schmidt**

Corporate Trainer - ATU

"ATU Support Options

For

Internet Access"

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### What's Up?

General Meeting First Friday of Month - Carr-Gottstein Bldg APU Campus 7 pm  
Second Bldg on the left. Room 102

Board Meeting - Second Wednesday 7 pm - Grant Hall APU Room 150

VEC Testing - 1st Wed 6:30 pm, Carr-Gottstein Bldg.; 2nd Saturday, 2 pm Hope  
Cottage - 530 W. International Airport Rd. Enter Rear of Bldg.

3rd Wednesday, VFW Hall - Eagle River 7 pm

No appointment needed. Bring copies of previous testing. Bring Photo ID.

May 9th SCRC general meeting 7 PM Room 220 Bus Ed Bldg UAA



**AARC GENERAL MEETINGS** are held on the first Friday evening of each month in the Carr-Gottstein Bldg. Alaska Pacific University Campus. The campus is located at 4101 University Drive and Bragaw St. Parking is available in the lot East of the building. The meetings begin at 7:00 PM and visitors are always welcome! The AARC legendary raffle is open to everyone!

**AARC BOARD MEETINGS** are held on the 2nd Wednesday evening of the month in Room 104 of the Carr Gottstein Building on the APU campus. The meetings begin at 7:00 PM and are open to all club members and visitors.

**ANCHORAGE ARES NET** The Anchorage area Amateur Radio Emergency Services Net is held each Thursday evening at 8:00 PM on the KL7ION repeater on 147.30 (+600). Net control is Lil Marvin, NL7DL and alternate NCS is KL7IO. The Westlink Amateur Radio report, Swap N Shop and the PARKA Net follow the ARES Net on the same frequency.

**THE KL7AA REPEATERS** sponsored by the club are as follows:

KL7AA 146.94 (+.600) 100.0 or 141.3Hz tone. Anchorage area \* + number for patch # to hang up. (5 min time limit)

Patch on 0600 - 2200 daily, 0700 - 2359 Fri/Sat, 0700 - 2200 Sundays. Emergency autodial enables 24 hrs a day. Emergency autodial numbers (10 minute resettable timer)

911 for life or death

912 Anch Police Dispatch

913 AK State Trooper Dispatch

# hangs up Emergency numbers also

KL7AA 146.76 (+.600) 141.3HZ tone Mt. Alyeska, and Girdwood areas.

KL7AA 224.94 (-1.6) NO TONE Anchorage area.

KL7AA 444.70 (+5.0) 100.0Hz tone Anchorage area. Patch enabled 24 hour a day. \* + number for patch # hangs up patch. (5 minute time limit) Emergency autodial enabled 24 hours a day. (10 minute resettable timer).

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A reminder that not only is using an Amateur phone patch system to bypass the Long Distance carrier illegal, it can result in the loss of the entire phone patch system. Prefix's outside the Anchorage dialing area are disabled.

The repeater Trustee is William Reiter, KL7TTL. Doug Dickenson, KL7IKX is chairman of the UHF/VHF committee.

**KL7AA PACKET OPERATIONS** The KL7AA Packet BBS. Callsign of the PBBS is KL7AA-7 (ANCBBS). Callsigns of the multi-frequency switch are KL7AA-8 (AARC), KL7AA-7 & KL7AA-8, and operate on user frequencies of: 145.010 and 147.960 (147.960 is the statewide ADES provided backbone). Linking from 145.050, and 440.050 is provided through multi-frequency switches throughout the city.

KL7AA operates a high power Node switch on 145.01 from the Rabbit Creek area, with the callsign of KL7AA-1 (Anc), as well as a Node switch on the top of the ARCO Building in downtown Anchorage, on 145.050 KL7AA-5 (Anc5)

KL7AA also operates an HF Gateway with the callsign of KL7AA-10 (HF80) on 3.605 Mhz. This gateway has access to all local and stateside networks.

The AARC sponsors an Amateur < Internet Gateway station, NL7NC-9 (AKGATE). This gateway is available from any of the local Node stations on 145.01, 145.05, 440.050, or 147.960.

A reminder that 147.960 is the state sponsored ADES backbone link connecting Fairbanks, Anchorage, Homer, Kodiak and Juneau together. User access for keyboard to keyboard activity is best accomplished between 1600 and 2200 daily, during this time, the Packet BBS stations will hold off from heavy bulletin forwarding.

ALL PBBS AND USER ACTIVITY IS SECONDARY TO EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS OF THE ALASKA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (ADES).

AARC 'HomePage On Internet'

<http://www.alaska.net/~lawson/aarc.html>

**Ham Radio Luncheon**  
**Every Tuesday**  
**Royal Fork near Dimond**  
**Center on Old Seward**  
**11:30 'til 1:00**

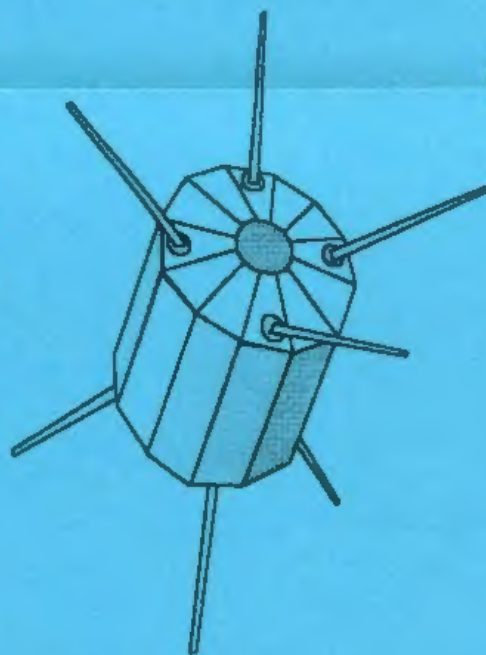
**Heard In Passing—**

"Boy wasn't that program on 911 a good one!"

"The followup program at APD 911 Dispatch was good also."

"Sure wish they would cut down on the talking in back during the Programs, it sure makes it hard to hear!"

"Peter is doing great at lining up programs!"



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BALANCE SHEET  
As of 4/ 8/97

Account	4/ 8/97 Balance
ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS	
AARC Gaming-	39,849.77
AARC Holding-	945.19
Bond Account-	5,208.80
Business Acct-	5,267.74
Life Membership-	22,762.44
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	74,033.94
TOTAL ASSETS	74,033.94
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0.00
EQUITY	
EQUITY ACCOUNTS	
Open Bal Equity-Opening Bal Equity	75,355.94
TOTAL EQUITY ACCOUNTS	75,355.94
CURRENT EARNINGS	-1,322.00
TOTAL EQUITY	74,033.94
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	74,033.94



## Silent Key

**Gil Jones - WL7EC** became a Silent Key Sept. 30, 1997. Gil Was a Safety Officer for the US Army stationed at Fort Rucker, Alabama. He was on TDY in Maryland to give a Safety lecture and did not show. Gil had passed away in his sleep. The AARC and Ham Radio will be missing a good friend and a good Ham. A Memorial service was held April 10th in Eagle River.

Richard M. O'Connor  
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Anchorage, AK 99515-2304

April 4, 1997

Anchorage Amateur Radio Club  
P.O. Box 101987  
Anchorage, AK 99510-1987

Dear Anchorage Amateur Radio Club Members:

Thank you for the first place award and the generous US savings bond for my science fair project. I very much appreciate your encouragement of my pursuit of technology, science, and engineering studies. Enclosed is a copy of the abstract for my project.

I would also like to thank the club for its support of the Alaska Science and Engineering Fair. I hope the club will continue to support the fair. Several students and teachers commented how much they appreciated the club's participation in this statewide event. The judges from the club worked very hard. They deserve a special thank you for all of their efforts.

I will see you at the fair next year. My goal is to develop an even better project than the one I prepared this year.

Sincerely,



Richard M. O'Connor, WL7CPG  
Dimond High STAMP Student

## 1964 Earthquake by George Sharrock NB4U- - Conclusion

Early in the evening George went to the State Civil Defense Office on East 5th avenue to check with them on what they were doing. They suggested several courses of action on which George didn't agree, but he knew we had to cooperate as well as possible. While there, George saw the former City Civil Defense Director, Doug Clure, who had resigned only a couple of weeks before the quake because the City Council cut the budget for the Civil Defense section, against the advise of the Mayor. When George had first become mayor, he learned that the former civil defense organization had fallen apart because of little support from the City. George determined that civil defense was necessary. He persuaded the Council to set up such a section, with a director. Doug Clure was hired for the position. He worked very hard getting the thing back in shape, but the State Civil Defense agency orders insisted on adopting the National Civil Defense program of providing "air raid" shelters instead of setting up an organization with block captains as before. George didn't agree with the plan, and neither did Doug, but to get any State support, we had to comply.

George invited Doug to return to the City job immediately, and he agreed. He moved back into an office in the Public Service Building. He remained in the job until a few years ago, when he retired.

One thing that made the emergency period stressful was the lack of enough policemen. Asking for the Guard was a result. Rumor had it that the guard themselves were guilty of looting. But George said that he had never of that. The Guard consisted of mostly native personnel, and he believed that they did an extraordinary job. Many people were unhappy when they were required to get passes for entering the City center. Under the circumstances, it was believed necessary.

Pauline Sharrock told of trying to take food to some folks on the Turnagain Parkway. The guards were parked on Northern Lights and she asked to enter to take the food about two or



three blocks and they said "no you can't drive in". She asked if one of them couldn't drive in with her and it was still "no". This was a family with three kids, with no food and not even with water, but it was still No! George couldn't understand what happened in this instance.

After the quake many areas were without water and therefore the toilets could not be used. Also many sewers were out of order. The Army brought in to Turnagain "Porta Potties", which were emptied daily into appropriate trucks that ran through affected areas. In the areas where water was not available, four-inch aluminum pipes, brought in by the Air Force, were run through back lots. Outlets were installed for each home, and residents provided hoses to the home's hose outlets. This was in effect for several months in the areas effected, but it allowed the use of water in the home as soon as sewers were operating normally.

Early on the night of the quake George and Pauline, after hearing of the disastrous slides in the Turnagain areas, went to Turnagain to see what had happened. There were, of course, no street lights, so not much could be seen. We went to the edge of the break-off, and even with a flashlight could see nothing. George became concerned about how many people might be trapped in houses that had been destroyed. He called the Mountain Team at Fort Richardson to find if they would come in and search the houses in Turnagain that had gone down with the earth slide. Some one said that there was no use doing that, but he proceeded to make the call. The team did go to Turnagain. However, they called and sai that the search would have to wait until daylight. The next day a search found only a dead man in one of the homes. There were at least two children who had been buried at the time of the slide and their bodies never found.

During the Earthquake there was little evidence of panic or fear. Very few people left town after the quake. Some people had to leave temporarily because of loss of housing or loss of jobs for the time being. At the Public Service Building we had hundreds of people show up and ask what they could do. We were not organized to find jobs for everyone. All were asked to report what happened and what they needed.

There were only about twelve or thirteen people killed in the Anchorage area. The quake fortunately came at about the best hour of the day: kids were not in school; it was Good Friday and many workers were off work. It was not too cold. The roads were not being heavily used and many people were already home at the time. The area population was approximately 100,000 at the time. If it had come during the summer months, the population would have been much higher.

The Alaska Railroad didn't suffer much damage in the Anchorage area, but did have considerable damage on the route between Anchorage and Seward. This stopped rail traffic for some time. The Port of Anchorage did not have the extensive damage as Seward, Valdez and Kodiak had. Anchorage was able to have ocean traffic immediately.

Communications was another problem. Of course, Amateur Radio was about the only immediate solution for communications out of Anchorage for about the first seventy two hours. They did a great job for many people who wanted to send personal messages to people outside. This was a great service for many people who wanted to advise friends and relatives in many parts of the State that they were all right.

The emergency power in the Public Service building, and the Amateurs, were a great help for both the City Government and citizens.

The Governor was in Juneau, of course, at the time of the Quake. He came to Anchorage the next day, arriving about noon. The Governor and George were flown by an Air Force helicopter all around the area so they they could quickly see what happened in the earthquake. They both made trips to Washington with information on what would be needed for the emergency period and for the recovery. They had meetings with the members of the Cabinet, explaining to them



what was needed. All the Federal agencies gave the State and cities great service following the Quake, and we owe them our thanks and gratitude.

The Sharrock's daughter and husband lived in Mountain View. They looked for them early the morning of the quake, but couldn't find them. They learned later that day the friends had taken them in when the lights went out.

Someone told of a woman who had everything set up for dinner when the quake struck. Even had candles on the table. She went outside, of course, to look for the kids, see what was happening and to see if everyone was OK. She went back inside and everything was off the table except the candles and they were still burning!

The City Charter that was in effect at the time of the earthquake specified that in a disaster situation the mayor was to assume administrative responsibilities. This was the reason that George felt that he had to devote full time to the job. However, during the full emergency period, it was unusual for him to issue direct orders to City personnel. He usually gave instructions to the City Manager instead, believing that doing otherwise would disrupt the relationship between the manager and the city employees. This arrangement worked very well.

During the emergency period many Council meetings were necessary. Both Federal and State laws and regulations required official actions when requesting or accepting grants or requesting federal or state involvement in recovery programs. This meant many evenings and weekends worked by both the council and the mayor.

For these, and many other reasons, the Mayor decided in mid summer not to seek re-election to the office. Although he had many who tried to persuade him to run, did not do so.

*Thank you George and Pauline!!*

*Editor's note- This fine story came about as a result of George letting me tape his thoughts as a group of us were gathered together at a dinner party. He reviewed the story and here it is!!*



## THE FORGOTTEN MECHANIC

Through the history of world aviation,  
Many names have come to the fore.  
Great deeds of the past in our memory will last,  
As they're joined by more and more.

When man first started his labor, in his quest to  
Conquer the sky.  
He was designer, mechanic and pilot.  
And he built a machine that could fly.

But somehow the order got twisted.  
And then in the public's eye  
The only man that could be seen,  
Was the man who knew how to fly.

The pilot was everyone's hero.  
He was brave, he was bold, he was grand,  
As he stood by his battered old biplane  
With his goggles and helmet in hand.

To be sure, these pilots all earned it,  
To fly you have to have guts.  
And they blazed their names in the Hall of Fame,  
On wings with wire struts.

But for each of these flying heroes  
There were thousands of little reknown,  
And these were the men who worked on the planes.  
But kept their feet on the ground.

We all know the name Lindbergh,  
And we've read of his flight into fame  
But think, if you can of his maintenance man,  
Can you remember his name?

And think of our wartime heroes, Young,  
Zender, and Scott.  
Can you tell me the names of their crew chiefs?  
A thousand to one you cannot.

Now pilots are highly trained people,  
And wings are not easily won.  
But without the work of the maintenance man  
Our pilots would march with a gun.

So when you see a mighty aircraft  
As they make their way through the air,  
The grease stained man with the wrench in his hand  
Is the man who put him there.

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**NEWSFLASH**

It has been confirmed  
that  
Gordon West  
will be at the AARC  
Hamfest/Flea Market in  
September

**THE COW THAT JUMPED OVER THE MOON**

During the first week of April, a Japanese coastal freighter was sunk in the Sea of Japan. During the sinking the crew radioed a "Mayday" distress call to the Japanese Coast Guard.

After being plucked from the water, the sailors were interviewed individually. All had the same tale. A cow had fallen on the ship and sunk it. Needless to say the sailors were detained. Destined to rot in Jail or confess to their plot of sinking the ship.

About a week later, a Russian official, having heard about the sinking, finished the saga. It seemed that a crew of a Russian cargo plane spotted a cow grazing near the taxi strip of their airport. The crew decided to capture the cow and butcher it at the end of their journey for a feast.

The cow became very distressed in the cargo bay and began kicking everything in sight. At that point the crew jettisoned the cow, at 30,000 feet.

You already know the rest of the story.